



Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday 26th April 2026



Helen is leading and John is preaching on Matthew 6:25-34"

"Don't worry but...."

WE ARE NOW RECORDING OUR LIVE SERVICE

The live service is now fully working and will be available a few hours after the service on SBC Facebook you can find it in the <https://www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist/> on the SBC Website www.stalhambaptist.org.uk

Extra Reads

Matthew 6:19-24, 1 Peter 5-10, Philippians 4: 4-9, Psalm 56f.

Jerry's Podcast

For my blog, I will reflect on some reasons why God may not hear or answer our prayers. These include:

Unrepentant sin (Isaiah 1:15): *"When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!"*

Selfish motives (James 4:3): *"When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

Lack of faith or doubt (James 1:6-7): *"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."*

Asking contrary to His will (1 John 5:14): *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*

To listen to Jerry's 5 min podcast click www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ "Our Weekly Bible Commentary" Or go to WhatsApp SBC Prayers

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus Union Church

Located in the village of Melbourn, southwest of Cambridge, the Church has a diverse community drawn from people in the village and the wider area. They have seen growth in recent times with new people moving into the area, and are keen to develop connections through the variety of activities they run. Their joint Ministers, Jenny and Rob Hughes, moved there about 18 months ago and continue to learn and develop ideas about how to evangelise in a mixed community setting. Sunday morning worship services vary in style – sometimes informal café style, all age once a month, and sometimes focused on drawing the Church family together to achieve a task, for example, at the beginning of November, they filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child using items that the Church has made and collected together over the year.

The Church has a teenage group – The Grid – which meets regularly on Sunday evenings, house groups – one of which is currently going through the Christianity Explored Course, regular prayer meetings and outreach meetings of a weekly Toddler group, craft group and coffee morning. They hold events for families, such as a Children's Cinema, and on 31st Oct held a Light Party. Earlier this year, they ran a CAP money coaching course and plan to do that again in 2026. Please join them in praying

- For wisdom and discernment in finding ways to connect with a mixed community – may the Lord show the ways that He wants the Church to go.
- For a deepening of connections and relationships with families and adults attending current activities, to enable people to encounter and build a relationship with the Lord
- For God to bless the work with teenagers at The Grid and for the Church to be able to increase its families outreach work. melbourn-baptist.org.uk

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For Your Diary

Monday 27th April

10.30-11.30 Prayers for SBC & Young People

2.00-4.00pm Warm Space in Stables

7.00pm Deacons Zoom Meeting

Tuesday 28th April

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the Schoolroom

Wednesday 29th April

9.30am - 12pm Table Tennis in the Schoolroom

10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables
All welcome

1.30 to 3pm Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group in the Schoolroom
All welcome

7.00pm Zoom Bible Study
all welcome for more information speak to Diana

Thursday 30th April

10 to 12 pm Warm Space in Stables

10.30 am Prayers in Schoolroom

7.00am Prayers in Church

Friday 1st May

10.00-12.00pm Bible Art in Schoolroom

10.15 to 12.00pm Prayers for Revival & Israel at Three Windows, Brumstead Road

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables & Citizens Advice

5.30pm Youth Worship in the Schoolroom

Sunday 3rd May

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Jenny and Maureen K

Flowers: Edna Woolsey

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?



Matthew 6: 26-27

Pastor Lost in Ukraine

A Russian strike hit a Baptist church in Zaporizhzhia during a prayer meeting, killing minister Ruslan Utyuzh and injuring at least eight others.



Christian groups say the attack reflects a wider pattern, with hundreds of churches reportedly damaged or destroyed since the war began.

Despite the violence, believers continue gathering in faith. After another church attack last year in Kyiv, services went on the next morning and 200 people came forward for baptism.

Russian Strike Hits Ukraine Baptist Church During Prayer Meeting, Pastor Killed, Worshippers Injured

Image: Zaporizhzhia City Council

Prayer Meetings

The church prayer meetings held in the Upper room on the first and last Thursday in the month will now be taking place in the Schoolroom from 10.30am to 11.30am, next one will be 30th April.

We are also beginning an evening prayer meeting in the main church from 7 to 8pm during the lighter evenings. These will be every 2 weeks alternating with the zoom prayer meeting. The next one will be 30th April.

SBC Baptism

At SBC baptism is something those who have made a personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ may request.

Baptism involves full immersion in water to symbolise dying to the old life and rising to a new one, often accompanied by a personal testimony. The baptistry at SBC is situated under the stage at the front of the church.

For more information have a chat with Ron or Jerry or contact them on **01692 434091** or minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk

Quotes of the Week

“Jesus gave us, His children, three reasons for not worrying about this life: It is unnecessary because of our Father, it is uncharacteristic because of our faith, and it is unwise because of our future.” — **John F. MacArthur Jr.**

“Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.”

— **Anonymous.**

“There is no one safer than Jesus. No worry of betrayal, no worry He will turn His back and walk away. He's never told a thing I've told Him. He's never been absent when I needed Him most.” — **Lisa Whittle.**

“The Bible isn't a rule book. It's a love letter. I'm not an employee. I'm a child. It's not about my performance. It's about Jesus' performance for me. Grace isn't there for some future me but for the real me. The me who struggled. The me who was messy. He loves me in my mess; he was not waiting until I cleaned myself up.”

— **Jefferson Bethke, Jesus Religion: Why He Is So Much Better Than Trying Harder, Doing More, and Being Good Enough**

Fire Evacuation In the event of a fire everyone should make their way to the fire assembly point which is outside the Staithe Surgery. For more information speak to

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 1, please pray for: Anne West, Lorraine Stuart, Jean & Ian Bloomfield, Ruth & Roger Maynall and Michelle.

During April, please pray for the residents of Robert Smith Court and Granville Close.

A Prayer for our problems

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You laying down our worries and anxieties.

Your Word tells us not to worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, to present our requests to You.

Today, we bring our problems and worries to You, trusting in Your care.

We thank You for Your faithfulness, for being our strength and our refuge. We ask for Your peace, which exceeds all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. We choose to trust You over our fears. In Jesus' Name. Amen

A Prayer for Peace in Our Time

"Lord God, in this time of anxiety and fear, we turn to you as our refuge and hope. We pray for peace in our country and across the world. Break the bow and shatter the spear, O Lord, and banish from our hearts all that might endanger peace. Strengthen the resolve of those who work for peace and soften the hearts of those who seek conflict. Shelter the innocent, especially the children who live in the shadow of war. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

A Prayer for Our Times

"Loving and healing God, we turn to You in prayer, confident that You are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before You as a people of hope, trusting in Your care and protection. May Your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern..." Amen



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Items we're short of:

Long-Life Milk
Tinned Veg
Tinned Meat
Cuppa Soups
Instant Snacks
Jam + Marmalade

Items we don't need this time:

Baked Beans
Tinned Soup
Pasta